

year two years prior to the fiscal year in which the State first received funds under the LEAP Program;

(i) Provides for State expenditures under the State program of an amount that is not less than—

(1) The average annual aggregate expenditures for the preceding three fiscal years; or

(2) The average annual expenditure per full-time equivalent student for those years;

(j) Provides that, to the extent practicable, the proportion of the funds awarded to independent students in the LEAP Program shall be the same proportion of funds awarded to independent students as is in the State program or programs of which the State's LEAP Program is a part; and

(k) Provides for reports to the Secretary that are necessary to carry out the Secretary's functions under the LEAP Program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070c-2)

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HOW DOES A STATE ADMINISTER ITS COMMUNITY SERVICE-LEARNING JOB PROGRAM?

§ 692.30 How does a State administer its community service-learning job program?

(a)(1) Each year, a State may use up to 20 percent of its allotment for a community service-learning job program that satisfies the conditions set forth in paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) A student who receives assistance under this section must receive compensation for work and not a grant.

(b)(1) The community service-learning job program must be administered by institutions in the State.

(2) Each student employed under the program must be employed in work in the public interest by an institution itself or by a Federal, State, or local public agency or a private nonprofit organization under an arrangement between the institution and the agency or organization.

(c) Each community service-learning job must—

(1) Provide community service as described in paragraph (d) of this section;

(2) Provide participating students community service-learning opportunities related to their educational or vocational programs or goals;

(3) Not result in the displacement of employed workers or impair existing contracts for services;

(4) Be governed by conditions of employment that are considered appropriate and reasonable, based on such factors as type of work performed, geographical region, and proficiency of the employee;

(5) Not involve the construction, operation, or maintenance of any part of a facility used or to be used for religious worship or sectarian instruction; and

(6) Not pay any wage to a student that is less than the current Federal minimum wage as mandated by section 6(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

(d) For the purpose of paragraph (c)(1) of this section, "community service" means direct service, planning, or applied research that is—

(1) Identified by an institution through formal or informal consultation with local nonprofit, governmental, and community-based organizations; and

(2) Designed to improve the quality of life for residents of the community served, particularly low-income residents, in such fields as health care, child care, education, literacy training, welfare, social services, public safety, crime prevention and control, transportation, recreation, housing and neighborhood improvement, rural development, and community improvement.

(e) For the purpose of paragraph (d)(2) of this section, "low-income residents" means—

(1) Residents whose taxable family income for the year before the year in which they are scheduled to receive assistance under the LEAP Program did not exceed 150 percent of the amount equal to the poverty level determined by using criteria of poverty established by the United States Census Bureau; or

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(2) Residents who are considered low-income residents by the State.

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HOW DOES A STATE SELECT STUDENTS UNDER THE LEAP PROGRAM?

§ 692.40 What are the requirements for student eligibility?

To be eligible for assistance, a student must—

(a) Meet the relevant eligibility requirements contained in 34 CFR 668.32; and

(b) Have substantial financial need as determined annually in accordance with the State's criteria approved by the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070c-2, 1091)

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§ 692.41 What standards may a State use to determine substantial financial need?

(a) A State determines whether a student has substantial financial need on the basis of criteria it establishes that are approved by the Secretary. A State may define substantial financial need in terms of family income, expected family contribution, and relative need as measured by the difference between the student's cost of attendance and the resources available to meet that cost. To determine substantial need, the State may use—

(1) A system for determining a student's financial need under part F of title IV of the HEA;

(2) The State's own needs analysis system if approved by the Secretary; or

(3) A combination of these systems, if approved by the Secretary.

(b) The Secretary generally approves a need-analysis system under paragraph (a) (2) or (3) of this section only if the need-analysis system applies the term "independent student" as defined under section 480(d) of the HEA. However, for good cause shown, the Secretary may approve, on a case-by-case basis, a State's need analysis system that uses a definition for "independent

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student" that varies from that term as defined in section 480(d) of the HEA.

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Subpart B—Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program

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§ 692.50 What is the Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program?

The Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (SLEAP) Program assists States in providing grants, scholarships, and community service work-study assistance to eligible students who attend institutions of higher education and demonstrate financial need.

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§ 692.51 What other regulations apply to the SLEAP Program?

The regulations listed in § 692.3 also apply to the SLEAP Program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070c-3a)

§ 692.52 What definitions apply to the SLEAP Program?

The definitions listed in § 692.4 apply to the SLEAP Program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070c-3a)

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§ 692.53 What requirements must a State satisfy to receive SLEAP Program funds?

To receive SLEAP Program funds for any fiscal year, a State must—

(a) Participate in the LEAP Program;

(b) Meet the requirements in § 692.60; and